



**SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL/STAFF MIDYEAR WORK SESSION**

**GEORGE A. PUREFOY MUNICIPAL CENTER  
VIVIAN STARK MCCALLUM ROOM, 4TH FLOOR  
6101 FRISCO SQUARE BLVD.  
FRISCO, TEXAS 75034**

**8:00 AM**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2009**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Maso called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Representing Council: Mayor Maso; Mayor Pro Tem Felker; Deputy Mayor Pro Tem West; Council member Johnson; Council member Cheney; Council member Prince.

Council member Crowder arrived at 8:20 a.m.

Representing Staff: City Manager, George Purefoy; Deputy City Manager, Henry Hill; Assistant City Manager, Nell Lange; Assistant City Manager, Ron Patterson; Director of Communications & Media Relations, Dana Baird; Assistant Director of Engineering Services, Liz Metting; Assistant Director/Transportation, Brian Moen; Director of Financial Services, Anita Cothran; Director of Parks & Recreation, Rick Wieland; Director of Planning & Development, John Lettelleir; President/Frisco EDC, James Gandy; City Attorney, Richard Abernathy

**ROUTINE BUSINESS**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

1. Discussion amongst City Council and staff regarding the following topics:

## A. Bond Project List

Discussion regarding the various bond projects, the funds committed and sold, the amount of bond funding used on downtown project, and staffing evaluation for new hires to complete the projects.

Specific items addressed:

- Deceleration lanes downtown.
- Fourth Army Road and the need to move up the project due to the planned completion of the park
- The projects currently under design
- Frisco Square Blvd and Main Street
- Eldorado and Hillcrest
- Ohio
- Preston and Gaylord
- Legacy signage

Discussion regarding traffic signals, arterial lighting and project priority.

Council requests that staff put a list together of projects so that funding can be evaluated and the city can move forward on the projects. Council needs the project priority list to be presented to council regularly to address the project prioritization.

### Parking Garage Project

Discussion regarding the parking garage design preference and the need for additional funding for the project. Bridge from parking garage can be ruled out.

Council recommended that staff move forward with "Option A".

Council member Johnson questioned the possibility of "retail" on the first floor of the parking garage.

### City of Frisco Art

Richard Oldham presented information regarding the artwork. Preparation for the artwork is almost finished and staff would like to move forward on design for the project at \$30,000. Former Mayor Kathy Seei is supportive of the plan. Dr. Reedy wants council to consider education about our past. Janet Maccubbin indicated there might be possible grant funding available.

Council requested staff to determine cost associated to move current artwork.

## B. Cell Phone Use in School Zones

Council member Crowder spoke about the need for regulation of cell phone use in school zones/Hands Free Zone.

Discussion by Council regarding the pros and cons of the issue. Council doesn't want to pursue the issue.

There was no recess into Closed Session

## **CLOSED SESSION**

2. Recess into Closed Session in compliance with Section 551.001 et. seq. Texas Government Code, to wit;
  - A. Section 551.076: Deliberation regarding the deployment and/or implementation of security personnel and/or devices.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

4. Continued discussion amongst City Council and staff regarding numerous topics:

- A. Media Training

Dana Baird-Hanks did a short presentation highlighting tips for talking with the media.

- B. Transit Study

John Lettelleir and Ryan Middleton presented information regarding the transit study.

Discussion regarding the Comprehensive Plan, the Marketing Committee and the transportation by rail. Council determined that another work session will be needed for the rail issue.

- C. Open Meetings Update

Information was presented regarding Open meetings and current governance reports.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem West asked whether Council should continue the same Governance Reports at the end of the Council meetings or should they be changed?

Staff requested to determine the need to continue the governance reports.

- D. Grand Park

Rick Wieland and Dudley Raymond presented information regarding Grand Park.

Discussion regarding the order of recommended completion for the park.

Council members Johnson, Cheney and Crowder would like the Kids Place to be constructed first. Council member Prince and Deputy Mayor Pro-tem West would like to see the Stage first to attract people from outside.

Mayor Pro Tem Felker also brought up water, lakes, roads and parking. Mayor Maso stated the most "hands on" elements should be constructed first.

Cultural arts, science center, roads and parking will be a topic for another session.

#### E. Workforce Development

Information was presented to council and discussion held about the workforce issue in Frisco.

Council member Crowder would like to hear comments from the downtown merchants regarding the Day Laborers. Following discussion, a subcommittee was created including Council member Crowder, Mayor Pro Tem Felker and Janet Maccubbin to address the issue.

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Mayor Pro Tem Felker moved to Adjourn. Council member Prince seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

*(Please note these minutes will not be official until approved by City Council in the next City Council Meeting.)*

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Maher Maso, Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Secretary